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- Throughout Czechoslovakia there continues to be a great shortage of housing; apartment rents are so high that a laborer is unable to pay them.
- 2. Amusements are considerably cheaper, but not well-frequented because the programs continually present representatives of the Soviet Union. Theatre tickets have risen 50% over the price of admission in 1949.
- 3. All books, papers and periodicals are propaganda material and their prices are 70% higher than in 1950.
- 4. Following is a price list on the tree market:

450 crowns 1 kg pork fat 1 kg butter 448 crowns 1500 crowns l kg butter
l kg coffee
l kg ham
l kg hard salami
l kg pork
l kg besf
l kg sugar
l meter oloth (inferior quality) 500 crowns and more 1000 crowns and more 250 crowns and more 200 orowns and more 240 crowns and more 1500 to 5000 crowns 5500 to 13000 crowns l men's suit 5000 crowns
1000 to 3000 crowns
600 to 1000 crowns
Up to 300 crowns
3000 crowns
50 crowns 1 winter coat 1 pr men's shoes 1 shirt l necktie leather brief case 10 grams chocolate candy 1 liter rum (38%) 3/4 liter French cognac 3/4 liter brandy 448 crowns 2000 crowns 380 crowns

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